

HORRIBLE DEATH

Matt Myers Blown Up With Dynamite.

HE TRIED TO THAW IT OUT

In Order to Blow Up Some Stumps, and as a Result Met His Death—Survived by a Wife and Two Children.

Matt Myers, a farmer living two and a half miles north of Kenney, met with an awful death on Thursday afternoon. He had started to blow up some stumps and was holding a stick of dynamite in a fire to thaw it out, and the dynamite exploded and dismembered the man's body.

A young man who was assisting Mr. Myers and some other men who were working in a neighboring field found the body an almost unrecognizable mass. One leg was thrown 200 feet away. The family was informed and General Emory of Clinton was called and took the remains to the Cooley & Ives undertaking establishment at Kenney, where the inquest was held last evening. A young man was in the field to assist Myers in the work of blowing up the stumps. It was found that the dynamite was frozen and Myers suggested that it be thawed out. To this the young man protested but Myers started a little fire with some paper preparatory to thawing a stick of the dynamite. The young man ran away as fast as he could and while he was yet running he heard the explosion. He went back to where the body lay and tried to bring back life but soon found that his efforts were hopeless.

The death of Mr. Myers is greatly regretted in the neighborhood of Kenney. He leaves a wife and two small children and was 35 years of age. He was one of the most successful farmers in that neighborhood and was widely known and highly respected.

DECEITFULNESS OF SIN.

Many Phases Treated by Evangelist S. M. Martin.

The warm spring weather brought hundreds to the tabernacle revival. The theme, "Deceitfulness of Sin," was well and ably handled by Evangelist S. M. Martin. His text was Hebrews 3:15.

The deceitfulness of sin has caused the downfall of both men and angels. Our common parents, Adam and Eve, were deceived and misled by Satan into sin. If sin was not deceitful, nobody would sin. Sin is dressed in holiday garb always and the world is attracted to it.

There are those who practice covetousness under the name of prudence. Covetousness in any phase is idolatry. A slanderer says he is only speaking his mind. First see that what is in your mind is worth speaking and not because it is your mind."

In speaking of dancing the evangelist scored the dancing masters, alleging that "they as a class will not get their just deserts until they reach hell." In speaking on the deceitfulness of riches he said that "from time immemorial the rich and the great are lovers of sin and have practiced sin to an alarming extent. Once in a while you may find them lovers of righteousness. The smaller fry look up to the 'big bags' for an example and try to follow in their steps."

"Some are deceived in their use of liquor and say it is good for them and has in the past saved their lives. I might say it has saved my life and I will tell you how. A little boy in school wrote an essay upon 'Pins'—'Pins has saved the lives of millions and millions and millions of people.' That was all there was of it and when asked what it meant he answered: 'By not swallowing them.' That is the way a living personification of a man saved by liquor—by not swallowing it."

There were many who accepted the invitation. There were also several baptisms at the close of the service. Dr. Martin will give his second evolutionary entertainment this evening, the admission to which will be 25 cents. The evangelist pleased his large audience when the first entertainment was given and this evening a full house is expected.

Wall paper 2¢ per roll, glimmered 3¢, gifts 4¢ to Scovill's—18¢ to Bowling Party.

Miss Estelle Light last evening entertained a party of friends at a bowling party given at the Postoffice Alley. Those present were Misses Laura Dilchert, Jessie Nichols, Nellie Nichols, Emma Muthersbaugh, Anna Russell, and Mattie Latham. Messrs. Earle Braden, Alfred Dillon, Will Conrad, Estel Light, F. Merle, Clyde Bankson.

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RETURN OF THE HERO

The American Who Sank the Spanish Fleet at Manila.

ADMIRAL DEWEY

Will Receive a Round of Ovations This Year.

METHODISTS FOR EXPANSION

Significant Action by Southern Methodists in Washington City—Call on the President and Cordially Encourage Administration's Course—Education is National Security.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Within a few days Admiral Dewey will be in America with, it is all goes, a message to be given the world over immediately a year ago in Manila. He will not be recalled, as is often meant to be construed as a mere re-orientation with his relations, and might encourage it.

Admiral has been reenforced to Manila immediately, of course, that it was the navy in the Philippines, so far as movements are concerned, and that the minute he arrives, should only the request will be made.

It is understood Admiral Dewey is to come home so far as naval duty is concerned, but prefers to take the work of the Philippine commission and come home with Chairman of the Senate and Minister Denby.

Within a short time the rainy season will prevent a full military operation, so that the commission will be given to a consolidation of the civil administration features of the general.

It is believed that the commission will be ready to sail possibly May 1, and certainly before September 1.

Supplies Wanted.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Admiral Dewey has asked the navy department that six months' engineering supplies be sent to him at Manila.

The plan at will probably use the line, now on her way to New York, for the article of these stores.

Chairman's request is an indication that it will not be possible to furnish the American

army to furnish the American</p

IT WAS A VILE PLOT

Sensational Disclosures in the
New York Fire Horror.

Quarrel Among Servants
Caused the Loss
of Life.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Despite the reticence of the police, facts became public today which make it apparent that the fire of Friday morning which destroyed the lives of 14 persons was of incendiary origin. It transpires that a few hours before the flames were seen a policeman was sent from the Andrews house and was mysteriously dismissed by a servant, who said he was not wanted. The letters threatening the lives of the Andrews family and the children of Mrs. St. John have been found. It is believed that the motive for incendiarism was revenge, and that the affair arose out of the quarrel among the servants. Foley, butler of the Andrews family, was under surveillance. Mary Flanagan, the dead maid servant, seemed to be the central figure in the alleged plot, and the chief object of the supposed perpetrators was hate. The police today gave out three scurrilous and threatening anonymous letters, making charges against Mary Flanagan and the butler. The letter is addressed to Mrs. St. John and said: "I hope you and Mrs. Andrews don't think for a moment I am reconciled or pacified with Mary Flanagan. I am going to fix her for life, and because you and Mrs. Andrews did not give heed to the warning I am going to make someone throw something in your nurses and children's faces that will disfigure them and eat all flesh off the bone. You will have no girl alive when I get through with her."

PERSONAL

—Mrs. A. O. Griffin of Argenta was the guest of Decatur friends today.

—Miss Ada Clark of Long Creek was in the city.

—Mrs. William Reed, Jr., who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mayfield, returned to her home in Carlinville today.

—Dr. E. A. Morgan made a professional call at Forsyth.

—Harry Metz is spending a few days at home.

—Oscar Neisler is recovering from a severe attack of tonsitis.

—Mrs. Coulter and Mrs. Elmer Do Long of Coulter's Mill were in the city.

—Miss Flora Recine of Chicago will visit her sister, Mrs. John Freeman of West Macon street soon.

—Mrs. Gus Abresch has returned from a visit with friends at Warrensburg.

—C. C. Harpster is in Chicago on business.

—George H. Moore has "resumed his post at the Shellabarger mills after entertaining the Russian giant for several days.

—Miss Leta Draper of Macon is the guest of H. K. Mulcahy and family on West Macon street.

Runaways Smash a Buggy.

A team hitched to a coal wagon belonging to V. H. Patke & Son while standing at a car on the side track waiting for a load of coal thus took right at an incoming train.

Many people now
eat Uneeda
Biscuit with
cream at lunch.
Laugh at them
till you try it.
Then you'll laugh
with them.

Don't try the above unless you remember the name. The satisfaction hinges on the biscuit. **Uneeda** is a new biscuit, packed in a new way, which makes the baker's oven as neat as that in your kitchen range. Costs only 5 cents for a package—dust proof, moisture proof, odor proof. Keeps in the goodness—keeps out the badness.

and ran away. They ran south on North Main street and at the corner of North street ran into R. O. Rossou's buggy which was standing in front of the Review building. The buggy was badly smashed. The runaways were caught as they ran into the buggy and no further damage was done. The driver was inside the coal car and as there was no one on the wagon the team had everything their own way for awhile.

END OF THE WAR.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The exchange of ratifications of the treaty of peace between Spain and the United States will probably take place here next week and the ceremony will be followed by a proclamation by the president officially announcing the close of the war with Spain. The Spanish copy of the treaty signed by the queen regent on March 17th, is expected to reach here Monday. The exchange of ratifications will be followed promptly by the payment of \$20,000,000 to the Spanish government on account of the cession of the Philippines.

BOWLING NEWS.

Military Teams at the Pastime Alleys

Last Night,

Captain Cassell's star team defeated Lieutenant Chandler's coats at the Pastime alleys last night by 200 pins in a series of three games. The score:

Cassell's team:
Stevens..... 135 125 185 413
Drake..... 150 151 114 347
Ferguson..... 112 88 110 306
Cassell..... 195 100 164 399
Martin..... 97 137 112 376
Totals..... 599 601 601 1891

Chandler's team:
Wilkens..... 116 163 123 402
Harrington..... 87 93 93 272
Layton..... 114 96 100 306
Chandler..... 70 96 130 295
Heiner..... 112 117 118 303
Totals..... 528 560 501 1891

NOTES.

The Pick-Ups and Downs play at the Pastime alleys Monday night. The Wabash men had another go at the pins last night.

Iron bolts that are 6 ft. high for sale at Scovill's.—13-drf

Church Announcement.

Edward Street Church of Christ, Marion Stevenson, pastor. Morning service at 10:30. Sermon subject, "Precious Ointment" Bible school at 2 o'clock. Junior Endeavor at 3 o'clock. Senior Endeavor at 6:30. Evening sermon, "Patters of God's Eternal Purposes," at 7:30 p. m.

Evening sermon, "Patters of God's Eternal Purposes," at 7:30 p. m. Each member is reminded that they are to be prepared to write on a slip of paper the names of one deacon and two deacons. The pastor will hold evangelistic services at Edward street church every night next week except Saturday night. The singing will be led by a chorus choir under the direction of J. E. Patterson. The subject for Monday night will be, "Sarah and Hagar, or the Two Covenants." The week will be given to the study of the old testament types and their new testament antitypes.

Special prices on go carts at Scovill's.—18-drf

CRIME IN KENTUCKY.

MURKESBORO, KY., April 8.—News is received that Henry Masson and son John, farmers, were ambushed and shot dead last night. Suspicion is directed to neighbors with whom they had trouble.

No extra charge for those large cushion rubber tired wheels on Scovill's baby buggies.—18-drf

DEATH OF JUDGE FEARN.

HOT SPRINGS, V. A., April 8.—Hon. J. Walker Fearn died here today after a lingering illness. He was at one time minister to Greece. Later he was judge of the consular court of Egypt. He was in charge of the foreign bureau department of publicity and promotion at the World's Fair.

ENGLAND WON.

BIRMINGHAM, April 8.—England won the international foot ball championship. Score 2 to 1. Scotland did not score up to half time, but managed to score goal in the second half. England did not score in the second half.

NEW YORK FOOT RACE.

NEW YORK, April 8.—At 8 o'clock the score in the 24-hour go-as-you-please foot race was as follows: Hogan 36 miles, Gloat 30, Cox 28, Day 28, Dean 28, Beachmont 26, Noonan 24, Hansen 24.

C. P. Church.

At the morning service the theme will be, "City Evangelization." Evening theme, "The Dark Valley." A full attendance of members is desired at the morning hour.

Pastors' Union.

The Pastors' Union meets Monday morning at 10 o'clock in room No. 1 First M. E. church. Rev. S. H. Bowyer will read a paper.

HOST OF THE BARREL HOOP.

How a Mischievous Boy Frightened the People Residing on the Connecticut River.

Another ghost story has been exploded. George T. Hatchett, well known in electric lighting circles, has just told a story which may relieve the peace of mind of many persons in towns along the Connecticut river. These reckless persons have for years believed in a ghost. Why shouldn't they? But they are not so plainly and did not even follow it in boats as it floated down their grand, capacious? It was a ghost, a ghost, private, with trailing garments and sulphur flames and strange eyes, at least after it. This is what they say about the Connecticut ghost. It has severalinary poor children out of a right rest and the river men have watched for its reappearance for years. They thought it ought certainly to have appeared just before the war with Spain, but it did not, and the superstitious among them marvelled much. But let them be reassured. That's it will never again float weirdly down the streams. Recently, Mr. Hatchett made the original ghost and sent it on its wild career. Its remains are at the bottom of the Connecticut—somewhere. This is how it happened:

Mr. Hatchett was a boy in school—fun-loving and ready to indulge in any mischief, in out of bounds. One day it was decided to make a ghost, one which could be seen but not touched; one which would scare, but leave no trace behind. The scheme for its making was simple and original. It consisted of an old barrel hoop, some stones, some pieces of twine and one-half a gallon of kerosene oil. Each piece of twine (probably a foot long) was tied to a stone. Then the other ends of the pieces of twine were tied to the barrel hoop at equal distances apart. This contrivance was thrown into the Connecticut river. The wooden barrel hoop floated on the surface of the water, the stones weighing it down just enough to steady it. The kerosene was then poured into the hoop. The oil naturally floated on the water, and the hoop kept it from spilling. The boys set fire to this, and then came ashore. It was night.

A weird, uncanny, blue flame shot up from the barrel hoop. The wind caught the flame and set it wavering uncertainly to and fro. The blue flame reached upward six feet into the air, tapering off to an uncertain point. It floated inadequately, fearfully, down the river. People came and watched and talked in low tones. Each village gave a collective sigh of relief when it went safely by. It might have come ashore, you know, and taken up its abode in any body's house. Who could have stopped a pale blue ghost that you could see through? It stayed village after village; then three men in a boat went after it. Their approach apparently alarmed it, for it wavered more than ever and hurried faster. Then the men, who were being watched from the shore, gave an extra pull and shot up close to the ghost. It nodded its head mournfully at them, gave a convulsive shudder through its whole being and dived swiftly to the bottom of the river. The succeeding darkness was very terrifying and the men hastily pulled ashore. They told the tale unwillingly and contradicted each other much. The tale has been added to since.

As a matter of fact, the oil had burned out and the hoop had burned up, and the stones sank to the bottom. But this explanation has only just been made by Mr. Hatchett—Detroit Free Press.

THE DUBLIN DRAWING-ROOM

When a Lady is Presented to the Lord Lieutenant Kisses Her Upon the Cheek.

It is curious to note the difference between the Dublin drawing-rooms and the queen's drawing-rooms, as they are held at Buckingham palace. The Irish court functions take place in the evening about ten o'clock and what is a popular departure from the accepted English custom, light refreshments are provided before the guests depart. These refreshments are arranged on tables down one side of St. Patrick's Hall, and are always eaten standing. There is no sit-down supper. The drawing-room contains a chair of state, in front of which the Lord Lieutenant stands with his wife by his side.

When my lady is presented to the Lord Lieutenant—she hands her upon the cheek. She condescends to him in return and bows to his wife, as she retires toward the picture gallery. In the case of a lady who is only attending a drawing-room, she receives no kiss. Men almost invariably accompany their wives and daughters to the Dublin drawing-rooms, as they are held at Buckingham palace. The Irish court functions take place in the evening about ten o'clock and what is a popular departure from the accepted English custom, light refreshments are provided before the guests depart. These refreshments are arranged on tables down one side of St. Patrick's Hall, and are always eaten standing. There is no sit-down supper. The drawing-room contains a chair of state, in front of which the Lord Lieutenant stands with his wife by his side.

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I did until I went to see him yesterday, when he told me I would have to take and leave him. There's nothing at all the matter with me, and if he doesn't like me or ought to go into some other business. *Chicago Evening News.*

Give me another.

Flirted with Pearl, her photo. "Aren't I nice?"

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It's a great relief to be ill.

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Get Ready for Spring.
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your spring dresses, cloaks, jackets
and capes dry cleaned or redyed. I
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MARKETS.

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Wheat	Open ing.	High est	Low est	Clos- ing	Yester- day
April	22.4	22.5	21.5	21.4	21.2
May	22.5	22.5	21.5	21.5	21.5
June	—	—	—	—	—
April	24.5	24.5	23.5	23.5	23.5
May	23.5	23.5	22.5	22.5	22.5
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April	26.5	26.5	25.5	25.5	25.5
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September	—	—	—	—	—
October	—	—	—	—	—
November	—	—	—	—	—
December	—	—	—	—	—

To-Day's Receipts—Our Loss.

Wheat—0; Estimated, 0, a year ago, 45.

Corn—24; Estimated, 10, a year ago, 15.

Oats—10; Estimated, 11, a year ago, 14.

— Estimated for Tomorrow.

Wheat, 34; Corn, 15; Oats, 10

Hogs.

Hog-rents, 13,000; estimated, 11,000.

Market, firm.

Light, \$1.00—\$1.25; Mixed, \$1.00—\$1.25.

Heavy, \$1.25—\$1.50; Pork, \$1.25—\$1.50.

Estimated for tomorrow, 11.

Oats.

Receipts, 33; market steady.

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Beats the Klondike.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Tex.,
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than has yet been made in the Klondike.
For years he suffered untold agony
from consumption, accompanied by hem-
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Went to Bloomington.

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Bunn went to
Bloomington today and will have
charge of the sacred concert which
will be given tomorrow at the First
Methodist church at that city. She
was accompanied by Miss Lillian
Stevens, who will sing a solo at both
the morning and the evening service.

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After you have concluded that you ought not to
drink coffee, it is not a medicinal, but doctors
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Johnson.

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Republican City Ticket.

Election Tuesday, April 18.

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MONT PENWELL.

ATTORNEY,
CLEMENT C. WALTERS.

TREASURER,
ADAM SEEPFORTH.

ALDERMEN.

First Ward.....F. M. Meredith
Second Ward.....F. M. Young and
George A. Lytle
Third Ward.....J. B. Dixey
Fourth Ward.....J. B. Slewren
Fifth Ward.....John W. Knowton
Sixth Ward.....John Grindal
Seventh Ward.....Elmer R. Culver

WHY STADLER?

Every honest fair minded man admits that B. Z. Taylor has been a good business mayor. There is no honest difference of opinion along this line. There are men who honestly differ with the mayor as to specific things and there will never be a mayor of Decatur with whom people will not differ in this respect. There is no good business reason why the people should elect a new and untried man. The simplest citizen would not exchange cows under such conditions. Yet we are told by the Democratic campaigners that George A. Stadler is the man for mayor because he is a clean man. This is intended as a reflection upon B. Z. Taylor when as a matter of fact the personal record of Mr. Taylor is as good as that of George A. Stadler. He is as honest, as benevolent, as patriotic, as public spirited as Mr. Stadler. No discreet friend of Mr. Stadler will undertake to dispute these statements. Then what pre-eminence qualification has Mr. Stadler over Taylor that all this fuss should be made about him? As a matter of fact he was not selected as a candidate because it was deemed he was the best equipped man for the office. He was selected because he was considered the most available man to get votes. He was not selected in consideration of the interests of Decatur, but to down Taylor to satisfy those who have it in for him. These are flimsy and dangerous reasons for such a selection when the best interests of the city are at stake.

The very things which are considered as making Mr. Stadler available as a candidate show him to be a dangerous quantity as a mayor. He is available as a candidate, it is said, because he has no enemies. It is well known that the man who has no enemies has no straightforward character—that he simply drifts. Such a man is nominally classed with some church or some political party, but he is never found asserting his loyalty to either nor defending either from the attacks of his enemies, and no one ever knows exactly where he stands and is as often claimed in the ranks of one side in the other. Such men are called good fellows, but you can't depend upon them in an emergency. These things disqualify any man for the office of mayor in a city like Decatur, where he is pulled and hauled first this way, then that. Defied here and defied there. To fill such an office a man must have the courage of his convictions. He must be able to take a stand and maintain it. When he does this he ceases to be a good fellow, viewed from the standpoint of those with whom he disagreed. Ben Taylor has been mayor two years. He has his enemies in the execution of the office he has had to antagonize many people. He has also an army of friends and admirers who stand loyally by him. He is a positive business man. Stadler is the opposite. If he had been mayor for six months where he had to shift about as he would and finally had to take sides Ben Taylor would beat him 2000 votes at the polls. In fact no one would think of nominating him. Stadler is a "good fellow," but does not possess any of the qualifications for mayor.

This may be considered as drawing matter too fine but his course in getting the nomination characterizes the man. That demonstrated that when he positively decided to do one thing or not do it one day he could not stick to it 24 hours. He deserved not only his friends but he deceived another candidate and worked a confidence game on his friends. No man of such imperfections should ever attempt to become, nor should he be elected, mayor.

MISTAKEN STATESMEN.

Since the foundation of the government there have been anti-expansionists in this country. On former occasions these opponents to any increase of territory have been as violent and as intemperate of utterance as they are today. When the question of the acquisition of Alaska was up it was

voluminously antagonized. After the purchase had been made from Russia Secretary Seward said that he regarded the purchase of Alaska as the greatest act of his administration of the department of state.

"But," he added, "it will take the people a generation to find it out."

At the time the bill to purchase was pending in Congress a now forgotten statesman named Ferris, of New York, declared that Alaska "is a wretched, godforsaken region, worth nothing and a positive hindrance and incumbrance."

One of the amendments offered to the bill authorized the president to give \$7,000,000 "to any respectable European, Asiatic or African power that will take Alaska off our hands."

A better-remembered congressman, a man level-headed on many other questions, Hiram Price of Iowa, declared the \$7,000,000 "a dead loss to us, and the more expense we incur the worse it will be for the country and the people."

Gen. Ben F. Butler of Massachusetts was in the House at the time. His position regarding Alaska was about as ill-judged as that of Senator Hear regarding the Philippines.

"If," said General Butler, "we are to pay for Russia's friendship I desire to give her the \$7,000,000 and let her keep Alaska. No man except one insane enough to buy the earthquakes of St. Thomas and the icefields of Greenland could be found to agree to its acquisition."

The United States paid for Alaska \$7,000,000. The territory embraced 390,540,600 acres. The price therefore was about 2¢ an acre.

It is interesting to note some of the items on the other side of our Alaska account. The Fur Seal company had paid into the United States treasury over \$4,000,000 for royalties on the skins it has obtained from the sea islands. There is still due from the company \$4,310,539 in royalties. This share of the government represents over \$3,000,000 worth of seal skins taken and marketed by the fur company.

A single gold mining company, the Treadwell, paid its stockholders in dividends \$9,025,915 up to 1897. Since then the Klondike has developed, and the gold product can only be roughly estimated. It has been two or three times the amount paid for Alaska and the industry is just in its beginning.

In a single recent year the fish product of Alaska was within a few thousand dollars of \$3,000,000. The valuation put upon the fisheries of Alaska without taking into account the wharves and the fur seals, is \$7,300,000. The United States has found its Alaskan investment profitable.

Stadler says if elected he will give the city a clean administration and will enforce the law, but then he personally went to Fred Wilson and told him he would not under any circumstances accept the nomination for mayor and asked Wilson and his friends to go ahead. He did not keep that promise and it is alleged he never intended to keep it, and yet there are men who think he will keep the other promises, while others in interest have been assured he will not.

The clean breast of the object of Stadler's candidacy made by one of the Democratic papers, in which it was confessed that the move was purely to build up the Democratic party is only another evidence of Stadler's duplicity and has resulted in causing scores of Republicans who were honest for Stadler on the non-partisan theory to come into the Republican reservation. Republicans cannot afford to build Democratic feuds for 1900.

C. N. Wall, who gives Stadler the benefit of his endorsement, says Stadler was elected circuit clerk of Piatt county with a Republican majority to overcome. Mr. Stadler did that business through his ability to deceive honest people. In that campaign he fooled the Prohibitionists and got their votes, while he furnished liquor at the polls to the liberals. This does not commend him as a reform candidate for mayor.

Col. Koefe is opposed to the re-election of Taylor. Until recently it was, as the Review put it, "Me and Ben." Why this estrangement? We await patiently divorce proceedings and suggest that the Review urge the matter. The grounds cannot be incompatibility of temper or infidelity, but divorce might be urged on the ground of non-support.

C. N. Wall of Taylorville, who knows about as much about the handiwork of God as a Zulu, testifies that Stadler is one of the finest and best men God ever made. That, of course, settles it as Wall is an infallible judge of the qualities of men and charges nothing for his opinions of God-made Democrats.

One unfortunate thing connected with Stadler's campaign is that a few fellows who could not run Taylor expect to form a kitchen cabinet for Stadler in case he is elected. That, of course, has already told him that he will only have to devote one hour a day to the mayor's office. They promise to do the rest.

C. N. Wall of the Taylorville Democrat gives George A. Stadler a certificate of character, but the question with those who know Mr. Wall of the Taylorville Democrat, is who will stand sponsor for the good character of Wall, inasmuch as he has gone into the certificate business.

It is now being noised about that if elected Stadler will, not in reality

be the mayor; that he will defer to the judgment of a few other men. Why did not someone of these fellows run for mayor himself instead of getting Stadler out as a proxy.

The Stadler boom becomes fainter each day. It was biggest when it was born, on the principles of a silver mine, while the stock is offered for sale to develop it.

There are some who say Mayor Taylor's promises are not good. Well, if this were true how is it to be bettered by electing a man who broke all his promises inside of 24 hours.

Henceforth the election of Taylor is assured. It is now only a question of majorities.

The "low class Democrats" are still in the field and not one of them claims the "Lone Orphan."

FIFTEEN CENTS A PAIR.

The Endless Chain Scheme as Now Being Applied to the Shoe Trade.

An ingenious scheme for the sale of shoes, or, for that matter, anything else, is in process of evolution in a room on the second floor of a down-town business building in this city. It has been under consideration for about two weeks now, but is not as yet fully developed, and in fact the sort of thing that is never fully developed until it comes to an end. It is somewhat similar in operation to the endless chain letter system, but differs from the endless chain in that the motive in carrying it on is made a selfish one, thereby practically insuring the chain against breakage. The chain is really, however, a number of small chains, the breaking of any one of which is immaterial to the success of the plan.

Roughly outlined, the plan consists of the sale of "investment tickets." These tickets are simply signed slips of paper with an agreement on them, and the holder of one of these tickets, the price of which is 15 cents, is entitled to purchase for 75 cents a book containing five tickets, which he sells to his friends, if he is lucky enough to have five who are desirous of getting a pair of \$3.50 boots for 15 cents. His friends in turn bring the tickets into the office and get books to sell to their friends, and when the five tickets that the original purchaser has sold have all been returned to the office he is entitled to a pair of \$3.50 shoes which will be delivered to him at one of two stores in the city.

It will readily be seen that the amount received by the company selling the tickets is not really the 15 cents that they cost the purchaser of the tickets, but the 75 cents that he pays for his book, the difference being made up by the men that do not sell all the tickets in their books. This is the prime incentive in the scheme, and it is what is making it go. The multiplying power is, of course, enormous, and it is this that makes it almost absolutely certain that it will be a future, or, rather, that its success will be only temporary. It has now been in operation for about two weeks, and in that time 8,000 books have been sold. On the supposition that it takes a week to sell each of these books, the sales will be 10,000 by October 31. By November 7 they will be 200,000, and by November 14, 1,000,000, or one for each inhabitant of the metropolitan district. In other words, it would be necessary for this company to sell a pair of shoes to every man, woman and child in the metropolitan district once in every five weeks, even if they began all over again each time, and if they did not, in eight weeks their sales would be far in excess of the population of the United States. It is not likely that they will do this, although Boston is a pretty good shoe town, and meantime, as the people round Boston begin to get accustomed with \$3.50 shoes, the agents will find it hard work to sell their tickets. As soon as this happens, the scheme will drop because of the very reason for its first success, the difference of 60 cents between the price of the tickets and the price of the book. In other words, people will not buy tickets because they will be afraid that they cannot sell their tickets in turn, and they will become a drug on the market.

In its workings the scheme is much like a western land boom; in the first place every one is anxious to get in and sell on a rising market. They know that the land is not worth what they pay for it, but they believe that they can sell it out again before it begins to drop; but when it does begin to drop the holders at that time cannot get out fast enough.

There is food for speculation in the fact that these \$3.50 shoes are sold for 75 cents. By buying in large quantities it would be barely possible to get a fairly good pair of shoes for that price, but it is hardly probable that the company is banking on the unsold and unredeemed tickets that will be floating about the community at the end of the game.

Suppose, for instance, that the sale of tickets stops with the 8,000 books now out. This would bring in to the company a clear \$2,000 for two weeks' business at the expense of the rent of a small office, two female clerks, and a little printing, and the more books there are sold, the larger their profits will be while they remain in business.

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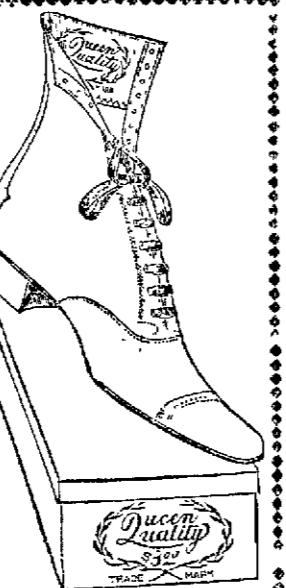
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OFFICIAL VOTE.

Ballots were Counted Yesterday—

New Officers Qualified Today.

Yesterday afternoon the canvassing board met at the office of Town Clerk Cope and canvassed the vote of the recent election in Decatur township. The following is the official vote:

Republican Ticket—Supervisor, Bert Davidson, 1911; Assistant Supervisor, John Alton, 1888; J. H. Record, 1904; F. W. Kipp, 1910; J. W. Weigand, 1910; clerk, A. H. Cope, 1911; assessor, S. T. Keeler, 1878; collector, F. W. Badenhausen, 1811; commissioner, H. Mahannah, 1827; postmaster, Greenberry Martin, 1833.

Democratic Ticket—Supervisor, W. G. Barnes, 1831; assistant supervisor, R. T. Williams, 1888; Jesse Fisher, 1826; W. B. Hollister, 1824; A. Thayer, 1843; Stultz, 1835; Clark, W. E. R. Kell, 1867; assessor, Mark Morris, 1868; collector, R. O. Rosen, 1878; commissioner, Dick Best, 1822; independent Ticket—Commissioner, Michael Cavanaugh, 1811.

Today the various officers appeared before Town Clerk Cope and took their oath of office.

FAREWELL SERVICES

To-night Dr. Martin will preach on "THE OLD PATHS." It is the 53d of the great revival.

...At the Tabernacle...

On April 25, 26 and 27 a Cumberland Presbyterian rally will be held in Decatur. The object of the meeting is to discuss education, missions, Sunday schools and Christian Endeavor topics. There will be delegations from all churches in the Decatur Presbytery and a great time is expected. The program includes addresses by some of the brightest men in the church circles of the state.

The rally will open on Tuesday evening, April 25, and continue throughout Thursday. Among the most prominent in church work who will speak are W. J. Darby, D. D., superintendent boards of education and ministerial relief; A. E. Turner, A. M., president of Lincoln university; Hon. H. J. Tice; Rev. A. G. Bergen, president Illinois Church Extension association; Rev. J. W. Laughlin, superintendent board of missions and church extensions; T. H. Ferrin, chairman Sunday school department Illinois Church Extension association; Rev. G. H. Turner, chairman G. E. department Illinois Church Extension association, and many others. Among the local speakers are Rev. D. W. Cheek, A. H. Mills and Rev. A. W. Hawkins.

Tomorrow will be the 54th and LAST DAY of the meetings.

PROGRAM:
10:45—"MY NEIGHBOR"
3 p.m.—Meeting for Members Only
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ROUTINE WORK

Will Occupy the Members of Woman's Club.

DURING THE COMING WEEK

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Place on May 5—The State Board Will Meet Next Month.

The events of importance now being discussed in the Woman's Club are the election of officers on May 5 and the meeting of the state board in May.

The arrangements for the latter are moving on smoothly. The former event is, of course, one of the most important of the club year. Nothing but praise for Mrs. Ida W. Baker, the present president, is heard and there seems to be no thought of any one else for president if Mrs. Baker will consent to serve another term.

The calendar for the week ending April 15 is as follows:

Monday, April 10—Sorosis division, Mrs. Edna Gillmore chairman. Subject, "The People's Charter; Corn Laws; Sir Robert Peel," Mrs. Elmira Stoner, Mrs. Mand F. Grindol.

Tuesday, April 11—Chautauqua division, Mrs. J. G. Keller chairman. Subject, "From Chaucer to Tennyson," chapter VIII, pages 210 to 216; "Walks and Talks in a Geological Field," chapter XII-XVI. In the Chautauqua, "Benjamin Disraeli," "The House of Commons."

Tuesday, April 11—Child Study division, Mrs. Eugenia Bacon chairman. Subject, "Nature Study," Mrs. Ed. Hill.

Tuesday, April 11—Psalms division, Miss Anne Badenhausen chairman. Subject, "Henry David Thoreau," Miss Lindsay leader.

Wednesday April 12—Shakespeare division, Mrs. Minnie Hosteller chairman. Subject, last lesson on "Henry VI."

Thursday, April 13—Art and Literature division Mrs. J. S. King chairman. Subject, "Rodeus Corine," Miss Seymour; "A Group of American Painters Known as the Symbolists, Vedder, Thayer, Church," Mrs. Foster.

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